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RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.497(d)

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d) mailed January 8, 2007 and the Supplemental Decision mailed March 28, 2007 regarding the above-referenced patent application, enclosed is a revised document entitled "Consent of Assignee to Correction of Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(a) and Statement under 37 CFR 3.37(b)," wherein a showing under 3.73(b) is provided and a statement is included by the person signing this document that he has authority to act on behalf of the assignee.

Applicants believe this revised document satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497(d) and respectfully request its consideration in completing applicants' request to correct inventorship of this application.

If any issues remain or further information is required, please contact the undersigned directly at 919-854-1400.

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION OF **INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a) AND** STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

Sir:

The undersigned, as authorized representative of the corporation of bioMerieux B.V., the assignee of the above-identified application, hereby consents to the amendment of the patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) to add Marlieke Overdijk and Saskia van de Laar as inventors on the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, the correct inventors on the above-mentioned application are P.T.G. Sillekens, Marlieke Overdijk and Saskia van de Laar.

Documentary evidence in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) that bioMerieux, B.V. is the assignee of this application by virtue of an assignment of this application from the inventors to bioMerieux, B.V., can be found in the assignment records of the United States Patent Office at Reel 018677 and Frame 0779.

The undersigned hereby states that he is authorized to act on behalf of bioMerieux B.V.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of BioMerieux B.V.,

Signature:

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